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From the metropolitan streets of Dubai, Daniella is called back to her family home in the American South to help a family that threw her away many years ago. Going back will mean digging up skeletons from her past that she'd hoped to bury forever, but someone murdered her father, and skeletons don't like living in closets.

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Eric Del says

It was an awesome book. I hooked up from the story making it the first book I finished reading. The author uses simple words that make it easy to comprehend which makes you feel that you are actually just listening to an actual conversation. Me, reading the actual book, really appreciate the font size. I easily get bored reading books that has small font. It is also informative in the sense that it gives descriptions and/or ideas about the family values, culture and traditions of Arabian and Westerners. Lastly, I like the fact that I enjoyed the story plus learning something about life values that give people encouragement not to stop building their future despite of what kind of family you came from and also reminding us the importance of family in our life. I highly recommend this...

Ginny Aspera says

Desert Magnolia brought me to two different worlds. It's a story about family secrets, mystery, hatred, love, respect and understanding of one's culture and beliefs. It was a privilege to have met Dedra Stevenson in person. Not only she is a good writer but also a good piano player. A must read!

Mark Vincent says

This book is one of a kind!!! Awesome. It feels like you're watching CSI New York TV series.. The author combines suspense, drama, paranormal kind of story which I find it great.. And last, reminding us that Family will always be a Family no matter what trial comes to us. Can't wait for the book 2!!!

A.C. Jade says

Looking for a diverse book with a twist, family drama, cultural differences? Would you like to broaden your horizon? Would you like to learn what it's like to live in Dubai? This book is for you. I am one of those open-minded people who embrace different cultures. This book is definitely one of a kind. A westerner's journey from Georgia to The Middle East embracing the culture of modern Dubai. The strong-willed main character redefined what it feels like to be living in a foreign world where culture is a major issue, yet she embraced it with grace and honor because at the end of the day, family is important. I enjoyed reading this book.

Richard Dee says

A great plot and an important message.

What can you say about this story? It has everything. There's a cleverly plotted courtroom drama, a tale of redemption and overcoming small-town prejudice and a lesson in the importance of family.

If that wasn't enough, the writing is evocative, creating an authentic Southern atmosphere which adds to the enjoyment.

A very good read which doesn't shy away from tackling sensitive subjects, in the end, it shows us that underneath, there is more that unites us than divides.

Seumas Gallacher says

...a first class read...

...as a a Westerner who has lived and worked in the Middle East for the past 12 years, this book fascinated me in its simplicity... the narrative evolves from a vicious murder in Georgia in the USA, compelling the lead female character to return from the United Arab Emirates in an attempt to support her relative, charged with the crime... no spoilers allowed here, suffice to say the resolution of the precarious situation is well handled... however, that takes care only of the first half of the book... the continuation leads to a series of broiling emotions, family and strangers entwined... the prejudices from each of the disparate cultures, the West, and the Middle East, are superbly mirrored in a way that anyone who has spent any quality time in the Gulf will appreciate... Stevenson does not shy away from showing the harshness and painful exposition of the supposed cultural schisms... ultimately, a canopy of love, pure and simply, envelops the players, demonstrating how foolish are the perceptions of 'differences' in the way each society behaves... a first class read..

Pam says

Great storyline, interesting characters who became people I wanted to be with. I enjoyed the journey that Dedra Stevenson takes the reader on and was delighted at where we end up as the story concludes.

Maria says

I loved the book! Couldn't put the book down and read it in one day. Suspense, drama, Middle East and the South! Every family has skeletons in their closets. It's just rare when those skeletons are publicised in a high drama, murder case for all your community to witness. Family is family, no matter what. I hope there is a sequel!

Randy Ball says

Definitely a fun read, especially as a fellow southerner who spent nearly a decade in the UAE.

The characters are familiar, in the very best sense of the word.
